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Letter dated 13 May 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

Attached hereto is the work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (the Counter-Terrorism Committee) and its Executive Directorate for 2015 (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed pursuant to the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 1963 (2010), 2129 (2013), 2178 (2014) and all other relevant Security Council resolutions, presidential statements and reports of the Committee.

The Committee will continue to work with Member States on the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency, even-handedness and consistency in its approach. The Committee will remain focused on monitoring and promoting the implementation by Member States of resolution 1373 (2001) and on taking practical measures to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States, including measures aimed at facilitating technical assistance. The Committee will continue to pay close attention to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with Member States. The Committee will also take up additional work under Security Council resolution 2178 (2014). The Committee will continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The Committee welcomes the support it receives from Member States, the Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the assistance of its Executive Directorate.

The Committee would appreciate it if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Raimonda **Murmokaitė**
Chair
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2015

I. Introduction

1. The overarching goal of the Counter-Terrorism Committee is to ensure the full implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee is further directed to include in its dialogue with Member States their efforts to implement Council resolution 1624 (2005). The Committee is also requested to take up additional work under Council resolution 2178 (2014).

2. Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 1963 (2010), 2129 (2013), 2178 (2014) and all other relevant resolutions and presidential statements of the Council and reports of the Committee constitute the guidance for the work of the Committee and its Executive Directorate.

II. Work programme

3. The Committee will continue to pursue a strategic and transparent approach to its work and, with the support of its Executive Directorate and the Secretariat, will continue to streamline its working methods, as appropriate, in order to achieve the priority objectives set out below.

4. The Committee will assist the Security Council in conducting an interim review of the mandate of the Executive Directorate, in accordance with resolution 2129 (2013), keeping in mind the 10-year anniversary of the operational establishment of the Executive Directorate in December 2005.

A. Monitoring, promoting and facilitating the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and the implementation of tasks set forth in resolution 2178 (2014)

5. The Committee and its Executive Directorate will collaborate actively with Member States to monitor, promote and facilitate the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), and to implement the tasks set forth in resolution 2178 (2014).

6. The Committee will continue to take stock of the implementation efforts of Member States in respect of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) through the use of two assessment tools, the overview of implementation assessment and the detailed implementation survey, taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014), and will continue to identify the challenges and needs of each Member State and region, to facilitate the delivery of targeted technical assistance and to promote good practices, in that regard.

7. The Committee will consider information from the Executive Directorate regarding its progress in updating the technical guide to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), while also taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014), in order to reflect the additional elements prescribed in the detailed implementation survey.

8. The Committee intends to take stock, on the basis of information provided by the Executive Directorate, of the implementation of the recommendations identified in its visit reports in order to assess the progress made by Member States and the effectiveness of overall counter-terrorism measures, including the capacity-building framework and the assistance provided by relevant partners.

9. The Committee will consider the two updated versions of the global implementation surveys of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), based on the work of the Executive Directorate and information gathered through the detailed implementation survey and other responses submitted by Member States.

10. The Committee will consider a report, based on the work of the Executive Directorate, on gaps in the use of advance passenger information, pursuant to the requirement set out in the statement by the President of the Security Council of 19 November 2014 (S/PRST/2014/23).

11. The Committee will consider information provided by the Executive Directorate on the implementation of the request of the Security Council, in paragraph 27 of its resolution 2185 (2014), that the Executive Directorate identify principal gaps in Member States' capacities, including the capacities of their policing and other law-enforcement institutions.

12. The Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will invite relevant officials from Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to address the Committee on thematic or regional issues relating to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014).

13. The Committee will request the Executive Directorate, in close cooperation with relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to hold periodic briefings for Member States on thematic or regional aspects of the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014).

14. The Committee will continue to organize special meetings and events on themes and issues of common concern and interest to Member States, including those events specified in the aforementioned presidential statement, with a view to maximizing the impact of the resolutions and sustaining the commitment of the international community to combat terrorism. The Committee will consider necessary follow-up activities, based on proposals made by the Executive Directorate upon review of the outcomes of such meetings and events.

15. The Committee will, in close cooperation with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), and in accordance with its mandate, pay special attention to States concerning which information on the implementation of relevant resolutions is lacking and discuss how best to enhance its dialogue with those States.

16. The Committee will report orally, through its Chair, to the Security Council on the state of the overall work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate, including on efforts pursuant to resolution 2178 (2014), and, as appropriate, in conjunction with the reports by the Chairs of the Committee pursuant to resolutions

1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

17. Pursuant to resolution 2129 (2013), the Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will continue to work closely with Member States, including during country visits, on the development of comprehensive and integrated counter-terrorism strategies and on the identification of available practices, elements and good standards.

18. The Committee will continue to call for the closest possible cooperation among the expert groups of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011), the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), including, as appropriate, on enhanced and systematized information-sharing, coordination of visits and participation in workshops, the provision of technical assistance and relations with international, regional and subregional organizations, and will consider information from the Executive Directorate on the implementation of common strategies.

19. The Committee will consider information and analysis from the Executive Directorate on the promotion of international cooperation, the identification of emerging issues, trends and developments related to resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014) and practical ways for Member States to implement the three resolutions.

20. The Committee will consider a comprehensive approach to preventing the spread of terrorism and the incitement of terrorist acts motivated by violent extremism and intolerance, consistent with resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014). The Committee will further consider information from the Executive Directorate on its engagement and the enhancement of partnerships with international, regional and subregional organizations, development entities, civil society, academia and other entities in conducting research and information-gathering and identifying good practices, in support of the Committee's efforts to promote the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014).

21. The Committee will continue to address the issue of the evolving nexus between terrorism and information and communications technologies, in particular the Internet, and the use of such technologies to commit terrorist acts. The Committee will also continue to address the issue of the interaction between terrorism and transnational organized crime, in accordance with resolution 2195 (2014).

22. The Committee will consider information and proposals from the Executive Directorate on its activities to enhance its dialogue and information-sharing with special envoys, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including during the planning stages of missions, as appropriate, in relation to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) as well as other relevant Security Council resolutions.

B. Facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to States

23. The Committee will continue to pay close attention to the strengthening of the role of the Executive Directorate in facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to Member States for the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624

(2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014). In that context, the Committee intends to consider, on the basis of proposals by the Executive Directorate, tools to measure the impact of donor-supported project activity linked to capacity-building and cooperation.

24. The Committee, on the basis of information provided by the Executive Directorate, will conduct an annual review and forecast of activities to facilitate the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014), and cooperation in that area.

25. The Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will continue its close cooperation with the relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, relevant Security Council subsidiary bodies and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations aimed at enhancing the capacity of Member States to fully implement resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014), and at facilitating the delivery of technical assistance.

C. Maintaining dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005)

26. The Committee will consider activities to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1624 (2005), as well as information from the Executive Directorate on its ongoing engagement and dialogue with Member States and its work to develop, in accordance with their obligations under international law, strategies that include countering the incitement of terrorist acts motivated by violent extremism and intolerance, and to facilitate technical assistance for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

27. The Committee will continue to encourage States that have not yet submitted a report on their implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) to do so. The Committee will also guide and support the Executive Directorate in its efforts to achieve the full implementation of its plan of action, including updates and relevant good practices for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

D. Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

28. On the basis of the participation of the Executive Directorate in the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, the Committee will continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The Committee, on the basis of regular briefings by the Executive Directorate on its activities within the framework of the Task Force, will continue its discussions on issues relating to the implementation of the Strategy.

E. Human rights in the context of counter-terrorism

29. The Committee will consider information from the Executive Directorate regarding progress in the further development of activities in this area in order to ensure that all human rights and rule of law issues relevant to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) are addressed consistently and even-handedly, including, as appropriate, regarding country visits organized with the consent of the Member State in question and the delivery of technical assistance.

III. Other matters

30. The Committee will consider information regarding progress in implementing the communications strategy aimed at promoting the visibility of the role and activities of the Committee and the Executive Directorate with regard to counter-terrorism. In this regard, the Committee will pay special attention to the dissemination of information on the two updated versions of the global implementation surveys of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), to be produced by the Executive Directorate, by employing a wide range of communications tools, including infographics and social media.

31. The Committee will consider information provided by the Executive Directorate on the completion of the relocation of the Executive Directorate.

Appendix

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for 2015

I. Introduction

1. The work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124) and takes into account the work programme of the Committee for the same period as well as the directions and tasks provided to it by the Security Council in its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 2129 (2013), 2178 (2014), 2185 (2014) and 2195 (2014).

2. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee to achieve its objectives in the areas defined in the Committee's work programme; to report regularly to the Committee on its work, including in its mission reports, monthly reports and semi-annual reports; and to respond to any additional requests made during the reporting period.

II. Work programme

A. Monitoring, promoting and facilitating the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and the implementation of tasks set forth in resolution 2178 (2014)

3. The Executive Directorate will continue to support the Committee in its efforts to pursue a strategic and transparent approach to its work and to streamline its working methods, as appropriate, in order to achieve its priority objectives.

4. The Executive Directorate will submit a report of its performance and achievements to the Committee in order to assist the Committee and the Security Council to conduct an interim review of the mandate of the Executive Directorate in accordance with resolution 2129 (2013), keeping in mind the 10-year anniversary of the operational establishment of the Executive Directorate in December 2005.

5. The Executive Directorate will continue to support the Committee and collaborate actively with Member States to monitor, promote and facilitate the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), and to implement the tasks set forth in resolution 2178 (2014).

6. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee in taking stock of the efforts of Member States to implement resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) through the use of two assessment tools (the overview of implementation assessment and the detailed implementation survey), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014); to identify the challenges and needs of each Member State and region; to facilitate the delivery of targeted technical assistance; and to promote good practices in that regard.

7. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee on its progress in updating the technical guide to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), while also taking into account the new requirements set out

in resolution 2178 (2014), in order to reflect the additional elements from the detailed implementation survey.

8. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in taking stock of the implementation of the recommendations identified in the visit reports in order to assess the progress made by Member States and the effectiveness of overall counter-terrorism measures, including the capacity-building framework and the assistance provided by relevant partners.

9. The Executive Directorate will submit to the Committee, for its consideration, two updated versions of the global implementation surveys of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), based on the work of the Executive Directorate and on information gathered through the detailed implementation survey and other responses submitted by Member States.

10. The Executive Directorate will submit to the Committee, for its consideration, a report on gaps in the use of advance passenger information, pursuant to the requirements set out in the statement of the President of the Security Council of 19 November 2014 (S/PRST/2014/23).

11. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee, for its consideration, on the implementation of paragraph 27 of resolution 2185 (2014) on the principal gaps in the capacities of policing and other law-enforcement institutions of Member States.

12. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee by inviting relevant officials from Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to address the Committee on thematic or regional issues relevant to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014).

13. The Executive Directorate will work in close cooperation with relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force to hold periodic briefings for Member States on thematic or regional aspects of the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014).

14. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in organizing special meetings and events on themes and issues of common concern and interest to Member States, including those events specified in the presidential statement of 19 November 2014 (S/PRST/2014/23), with a view to maximizing the impact of the resolutions and sustaining the commitment of the international community in combating terrorism. The Executive Directorate will submit proposals to the Committee for its consideration on necessary follow-up activities based on the review of the outcomes of such meetings and events.

15. The Executive Directorate, in close cooperation with the expert groups of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), and in accordance with its mandate, will continue to assist the work of the Committee in paying special attention to Member States for which information on the implementation of relevant resolutions is lacking, and to discuss how best to enhance the Committee's dialogue with those States.

16. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee in reporting orally, through its Chair, to the Security Council on the state of the overall work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate, including on efforts pursuant to resolution 2178 (2014), and, as appropriate, in conjunction with the reports of the Chairs of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

17. Pursuant to resolution 2129 (2013), the Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee in working closely with Member States, including during country visits, on the development of comprehensive and integrated counter-terrorism strategies, as well as to identify available practices, elements and good standards.

18. The Executive Directorate will continue to cooperate as closely as possible with the expert groups of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), including, as appropriate, on enhanced and systematized information-sharing, coordination of visits and participation in workshops, the facilitation of technical assistance delivery and relations with international, regional and subregional organizations, and will provide to the Committee information on the implementation of common strategies.

19. The Executive Directorate will submit to the Committee, for its consideration, proposals on ways to promote international cooperation and, in accordance with resolution 2129 (2013), to identify emerging issues, trends and developments related to resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and those specified in resolution 2178 (2014), as well as practical ways for Member States to implement those resolutions.

20. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee in identifying principal gaps in the capacities of Member States to implement Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) that may hinder the ability of those States to stem the flow of foreign terrorist fighters, as well as in identifying good practices and facilitating relevant technical assistance.

21. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee in its further consideration of a comprehensive approach to preventing the spread of terrorism and the incitement of terrorist acts motivated by violent extremism and intolerance, consistent with resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014). The Executive Directorate will provide information on the engagement and enhancement of partnerships with international, regional and subregional organizations, development entities, civil society, academia and other entities in conducting research and information-gathering and identifying good practices, and in that context will support the Committee's efforts to promote the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014).

22. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee in addressing the issue of the evolving nexus between terrorism and information and communications technologies, in particular the Internet, and the use of such technologies to commit terrorist acts. The Executive Directorate will also continue to assist the Committee in addressing the issue of interaction between terrorism and transnational organized crime, in accordance with resolution 2195 (2014).

23. The Executive Directorate will provide to the Committee information and proposals on its activities to enhance its dialogue and information-sharing activities with special envoys, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including during the planning stages of missions, as appropriate, in relation to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and other relevant Security Council resolutions.

B. Facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to Member States

24. The Executive Directorate will continue to pay close attention to the strengthening of its role in facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to Member States for the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014). In that context, the Executive Directorate will submit to the Committee, for its consideration, proposals on developing tools to measure the impact of donor-supported project activity linked to capacity-building and cooperation.

25. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee for its annual review and forecast of activities in order to facilitate the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014) and cooperation in that regard.

26. The Executive Directorate will continue to cooperate closely with the relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, relevant Security Council subsidiary bodies and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations with a view to enhancing the capacity of Member States to fully implement resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), taking into account the new requirements set out in resolution 2178 (2014), and facilitating the delivery of technical assistance.

C. Maintaining dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005)

27. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in its consideration of activities to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1624 (2005) and will provide information to the Committee on its ongoing engagement and dialogue with Member States and its work with Member States to develop, in accordance with their obligations under international law, strategies that include countering the incitement of terrorist acts motivated by violent extremism and intolerance; and facilitation of technical assistance for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

28. The Executive Directorate will continue to provide information to the Committee on its efforts to work with Member States that have not yet submitted their report on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) and to achieve the full implementation of its plan of action, including its updates and relevant good practices for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

D. Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

29. The Executive Directorate, on the basis of its participation in the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, will continue to assist the Committee in contributing to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The Executive Directorate will provide regular

briefings to the Committee on its activities within the framework of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and will continue to assist the Committee in its discussions on issues relating to the implementation of the Strategy.

E. Human rights in the context of counter-terrorism

30. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee on the further development of activities in the area of human rights in the context of counter-terrorism and to ensure that all human rights and rule of law issues relevant to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) are addressed consistently and even-handedly, including, as appropriate, during country visits organized with the consent of the visited Member State and on the delivery of technical assistance.

III. Other matters

31. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee on the implementation of the communications strategy aimed at promoting the visibility of the role and activities of the Committee and the Executive Directorate in the field of counter-terrorism. In that regard, the Executive Directorate will assist the efforts of the Committee to pay special attention to the dissemination of information on the two updated versions of the global implementation surveys of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), to be produced by the Executive Directorate, by employing a wide range of communications tools, including infographics and social media.

32. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee on the completion of the relocation of the Executive Directorate.